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Transmitted herewith for filing is the utility patent application of:

**Inventor(s) or Application Identifier:**

**Joseph A. Zupanick**

**Entitled: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ACCESSING SUBTERRANEAN  
DEPOSITS FROM THE SURFACE**

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS:**

1. ☒ This Fee Transmittal Form
2. Applicant is:  
☒ Large Entity  
☐ Small Entity  
☐ Small Entity Statement enclosed  
☐ Small Entity Statement filed in prior application.  
Status still proper and desired.
3. ☒ Specification (30 Total Pages)
4. ☒ Drawings (7 Total Sheets)  
☒ Formal  
☐ Informal
5. ☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney  
(3 Total Pages)  
☐ Newly executed (original or copy)  
☒ Copy from a prior application  
(for continuation/divisional only)

6. The accompanying application is:

☐ Original  
☒ Continuation  
☐ Divisional  
☐ Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

**Prior Application No.: 10/256,412**

**Filed: September 26, 2002**

**Examiner: John J. Kreck**

**Group/Art Unit: 3673**

which is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

(For Continuation or Divisional Applications only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5 above, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.)

7. ☐ Priority of foreign Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

☐ A certified copy is attached.

☐ A certified copy was filed in prior Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

8. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to CDX Gas, L.L.C., a Texas corporation, at reel 010656, frame 378 in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records, and was recorded on April 3, 2000.

**FEE CALCULATION:**

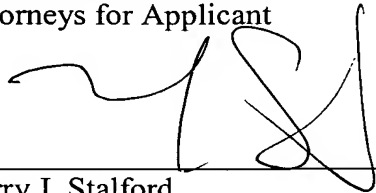
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					\$ 770.00
Total Claims:	72	-20 =	52	X \$18 =	\$ 936.00
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9. ☐ An Assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_ is attached. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.28 and § 3.31 is included with an Assignment recordal fee of \$\_\_\_\_ pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h).
10. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) PTO-1449  
☐ Copies of IDS Citations.  
☒ Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of these references are not being furnished.
11. ☒ Preliminary Remarks
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